

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 93-40

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY  
CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Regional Water Board) revised the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) on December 17, 1986.
2. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved the majority of the Basin Plan under Resolutions No. 87-49 and No. 87-82. Those portions that were remanded and subsequently readopted by the Regional Water Board were approved by the State Water Board under Resolution No. 87-92.
3. Division 7 of the California Water Code states that Basin Plans shall be periodically reviewed and, if appropriate, revised.
4. The Regional Water Board, under Resolution No. 91-184, adopted amendments to the Basin Plan on December 11, 1991. The amendments incorporated and implemented some of the provisions of the Water Quality Control Plans for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries and for Inland Surface Waters (State Plans), and updated portions of the Regional Water Board's non-point source control programs.
5. The State Water Board adopted Resolution No. 92-55 which remanded the amendments to the Regional Water Board for reconsideration of specified provisions (Exhibit 1 to this Resolution).
6. On September 16, 1992, the Regional Water Board adopted under Resolution No. 92-117 (Exhibit 2 to this Resolution) revised Basin Plan amendments addressing all of the State Water Board's concerns, with the exception of:
  - A. Complete and explicit incorporation of the State Plans;
  - B. Calculations of "daily average" effluent limitations from "one-hour average" water quality objectives.
7. The revised amendments include an exception to three prohibitions of discharge for the disposal of extracted ground water from ground water cleanup projects; however, the exception is not fully consistent with State Water Board Resolution No. 89-21 stipulations in that it does not recognize the resource value of the extracted and treated ground water or urge its utilization for the highest beneficial use for which applicable water quality standards can be achieved.
8. The revised amendments modified and deleted numerous sections of the Basin Plan and did not fully incorporate all provisions of the State Plans. The public would be served by clarification of specific aspects of the complete Basin Plan; therefore, Exhibit 3 to this Resolution clarifies these points and confirms previous State Water Board actions.

9. The revised Basin Plan amendments are consistent with the requirements of Public Resources Code 21000 et seq. (California Environmental Quality Act).
10. The Regional Water Board Resolution No. 92-117 was adopted in accordance with State laws and regulations.
11. These Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and the Office of Administrative Law.

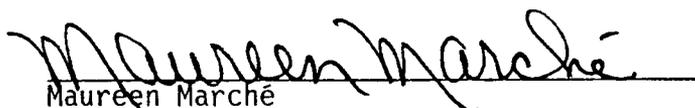
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Affirms that the provisions of the State Plans apply to the San Francisco Bay Region and that the provisions of the State Plans not specifically included in the amendments shall be implemented where applicable in all Regional Water Board regulatory actions.
2. Approves the Basin Plan amendments adopted by the Regional Water Board under Resolution No. 92-117 with the exceptions in items "a." and "b.", below:
  - a. Disapproves the "daily average" effluent limits calculated from "one-hour average" water quality objectives, specifically, marine water aquatic life effluent limits for copper, cyanide, mercury, and silver; and fresh water aquatic life effluent limits for mercury and silver.
  - b. Remands the exception to the prohibitions of discharge for disposal of extracted ground water from ground water cleanup projects for failure to include language recognizing the resource value of extracted and treated ground water and urges its utilization for the highest beneficial use for which applicable water quality standards can be achieved, as required by State Water Board Resolution No. 89-21.

#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on April 27, 1993.

  
Maureen Marché  
Administrative Assistant to the Board